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### Lord Salisbury's Impotency.

In the House of Lords on July 23, in a speech on the finance bill, Lord Salisbury is reported to have used these words: "The tendency to extravagance is increasing. We have had no choice. We have had to protect ourselves and must pay the cost. For years public opinion was in favor of a pacific policy; but now that state of opinion has passed away. The tide has turned; and who am I, and who are we, that we should attempt to stem the tide?" There is something grotesquely comic in the idea of such a man as Lord Salisbury being a mere waif of circumstances, carried away without choice into an anti-pacific policy, into extravagance and all that sort of thing. What attempt has the Prime Minister ever made to create and maintain a genuinely pacific policy? Who are they that have led the country into a growing, blatant jingoism? Who are responsible for the howling, rioting public "opinion" which has recently dominated England? Who started, who have upheld, who have pushed on the tide which his Lordship now mournfully represents as entirely beyond control? If they are not found among the *I* and *we* of his speech and their "friends," where shall one look for them? It is pitiful to see a man of Salisbury's strength sitting down and weeping in the midst of the storm which he has allowed his own jugglers to raise, and laying the blame for it on the people whose very existence he has often almost ignored. There is no extravagance in saying that he and *one other man* in England, if they could only be brought to see their overwhelming guilty responsibility for what is happening, could "stem the tide" and turn it back in one month. British public opinion may be too far gone in corruption and decadence for redemption, but we do not believe it. It is at least one sign of hope that the guiding head of the nation is beginning to see the appalling plight into which his country has — not fallen, but been led. He may in time discover the perpetrators. If not, somebody else will.

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### Friendship Between United States and England.

A British writer in the *Episcopal Recorder* for July 25 speaks as follows: "The complete obliteration of the bitter and hostile feelings left by the War of Independence is one of the miracles of history. Those who, from their knowledge of the period, can form any estimate of how intense those feelings were a century ago, can only wonder at the change that has taken place in the relations between the two great branches of the English-speaking world. The feelings of respect and kindness are hardly less deep between the mother country and its great eldest daughter than they are between it and those colonies which still remain united to it. Every year sees those bonds

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This ought to be so, though we fear it is not entirely. The change is very great, but it ought to be greater still, and based on deeper and truer principles than some of those which have been working.

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ART. III. Persons of every Christian denomination desirous of promoting peace on earth and goodwill towards men may become members of this Society.

ART. IV. Every annual subscriber of two dollars shall be a member of this Society.

ART. V. The payment of twenty dollars at one time shall constitute any person a Life-member.

ART. VI. The chairman of each corresponding committee, the officers and delegates of every auxiliary contributing to the funds of this Society, and every minister of the gospel who preaches once a year on the subject of peace, and takes up a collection in behalf of the cause, shall be entitled to the privileges of regular members.

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